April 17, 2020

Dear Pearl River High School Class of 2020 and Families,

At this time, schools are closed through May 15th and the Governor is expected to evaluate this decision and potentially extend the closure. Despite this uncertainty, we continue to forge forward with the drafting of plans for certain events that have been milestones and traditions of student life at Pearl River High School, particularly for our Seniors. In this letter I want to reassure you that we are thinking of our students, and working to give you the best that we can of these special events, whether we are back at school or not.

The most important of these special events, graduation, is scheduled for June 25, 2020. Although we remain uncertain as to how graduation will look, we are exploring different options, from livestreaming to some on campus presence to the extent that it is permissible.

Presently, we have undertaken preparation for two plans; one as though we will be able to carry out our time-honored Pearl River traditions with graduation on the PRHS field; and another remote/virtual experience as though we will be required to remain under the present social distancing restrictions. In either model we will need each Senior Class member to obtain the ceremonial cap and gown. Families who have the cap and gown of an older sibling who graduated Pearl River may use that cap and gown if they wish. Anyone needing a new cap and gown must purchase it from Jostens. Students may choose from either blue or white caps and gowns.

Understanding parent concerns regarding the actual purchasing of graduation apparel, Josten’s has forwarded a letter for us to pass along to Class of 2020 students and parents regarding clarification of their purchasing and refund policy. Please click here to view Josten’s communication.

The administration will continue to monitor state and county decisions as we consider the nature of important events and celebrations such as this.

We hope this communication finds you safe.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Murphy